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## STONE GIVES DEMOCRATIC PLANS

Outlines Attack to be Made on Present Republican State Officials

Special correspondence

JEFFERSON CITY, Nov. 30.—No where in the state has the opening attack of the democrats on the Hadley administration been more severely criticized and regretted by honest democrats than at the capitol. Democrats here who are personally cognizant of all the facts involved do not hesitate to express regret that Senator Stone should have been misled by a coterie of democratic state officials new to the capital, inexperienced in state politics, and as yet uninformed about the manifold obligations and responsibilities of state government. The senator himself has evidently not kept in touch with the growth and expansion of the state and its government, or with the record of his own party, else he would not have jeopardized his reputation as a shrewd politician by opening the way for republican leaders to file a brief which otherwise might not have found place in the literature of the present contest.

While the speech of Stone was not as wise, or as politic, as he might have made it, nevertheless it outlined the attacks which the democrats are to make on the administration of Governor Hadley and the record of republicans generally; and for that reason only has it been accepted as worthy of note by republican leaders. Without reference to what he said concerning the record of Senator Warner and his own record on the tariff, and without reference to his assertions about the national republican administration, his criticisms of Governor Hadley and his administration are easily refuted by a simple statement of facts with which he ought to be familiar if he is not.

Governor Hadley has not taken seriously the personal allusions made by Stone, and the silly story, in one of the metropolitan papers, that he purposely left the capital the night before the speech was delivered because he knew that Stone would attack him in his speech is a joke which even the democrats laugh at. In fact, the governor is rather pleased to know the line of attack agreed upon by the democrats and is surprised at the weakness of their plea. He could have expected a stronger appeal to the intelligent people of Missouri than has been framed by the distinguished democratic senator from Missouri, who lately defeated Folk for that high office, who was once governor of the state, who has always been a party leader in his own state, and a national democratic leader strong enough to have made Bryan the democratic nominee for president in 1906, though commissioned by a convention of Missouri democrats to secure that nomination for Bland; a man so smooth and effective in state politics as to gain the significant title of "Gum Shoe Bill."

No, the governor of Missouri at this time, an intelligent, aggressive and patriotic leader of republicans, and a man of national reputation for great achievements, has no cause to regret a speech by Stone that directs the attention of the people to state issues, particularly when the speech opens the way for a sincere attack on the democratic senator for his hypocrisy on

the tariff question.

The fact that the appropriations of the legislature for the first biennial period of the Hadley administration are \$78,000 less than the appropriations of the last biennial period under Folk, a democratic governor, and that the appropriations for the current biennial period include nearly \$1,000,000 to cover unpaid appropriations for the preceding biennial period, is an all sufficient and eloquent answer to the senator's charge the Hadley administration is extravagant. The fact that the last legislature freely passed an appropriation with which to buy the governor a carriage and horses, and that the purchases were made for less than two-thirds of the amount appropriated is sufficient answer to the charge that the governor has bought horses and pleasure vehicles with the peoples money—especially when it is remembered that a democratic senate approved the appropriation. In fact, the figures show that the Hadley administration has \$78,000 less for the current period than the Folk administration had for the last biennial period, and is paying a deficiency of about \$1,000,000 out of that reduced amount, while meeting all other obligations, indicates forcibly that Governor Hadley is conducting a remarkable economical administration.

All of the specific expenditures complained of by Stone were authorized by a democratic senate that is far from being friendly with the governor; and the senator, perhaps, did not know when he referred to the expenditures being made by the governor out of funds specially provided by an unfriendly democratic senate that Governor Hadley prevented other appropriations of a similar nature which the democratic members and senators were willing to make.

The fact is recalled here and elsewhere in the state that about a year ago Senator Stone was making the same charge against Folk and his administration that he is now making against Governor Hadley and his administration, but it should be borne in mind that the republican state officials who were then in charge of the treasury, the auditing department and the law department were not prompting such charges by Stone. They were not so blindly partisan as are their democratic successors. And, besides, they were competent business men who believe in the expansion, development and glory of our great state.

### Breeding Ewes for Sale

One hundred and twenty five head of Idaho breeding ewes, nearly all bred to registered Shropshire bucks, for sale at my farm north of Laclede. G. E. BRUNS.

There should be a large audience at the opera house next Wednesday night, the occasion being the second number of the lecture course. This promises to be one of the best numbers of the season, Mr. Wiggam being rated among the high class lecturers of the day.

Herbert Allen, who has been in charge of the hardware room at the Model for some time, has resigned and will leave Laclede the latter part of this month, much to the regret of his many friends here. Irwin Will, an experienced hardware man from Bethel, who has been employed to succeed Mr. Allen, arrived yesterday and will begin work today.

Money lost! Get a De Laval Separator and make it back. See Paul Jones, local agent.

## THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Penetrating Pencil Pusher.

H. E. Garside encountered bad weather for his sale last Wednesday but it cleared up at noon and the sale was held in the afternoon. Everything put up was sold and fairly good prices were obtained.

Sam Anderson sold his residence property in the east part of town to some parties from Linneus and has bought the B. F. Thompson property in the same part of town, the Thompson family renting and moving into W. H. Childress' residence in southeast part of town.

John Transburg, who recently sold his 200 acre farm southeast of town on route one to C. B. Welsh at \$80 an acre, has bought an 80 acre farm near Tina. Mr. Transburg will hold a public sale on the twentieth of this month and gives possession of the farm where he now lives on February 1.

J. H. Willard this week sold his 25 acre place, twenty acres of which is an apple orchard, in the southwest suburbs of town, to Henry Kraft for \$3,000. Mr. Kraft's fine residence property is only a block from the orchard which is very convenient for him. W. S. Savage made the deal.

Dr. Z. T. Standly spent Thursday in St. Louis, having accompanied his daughter, Dr. Kate Standly of Brookfield, to one of the city hospitals where she underwent an operation for nasal obstruction that interfered with her breathing. The operation was successful and she will return home within a few days.

"Dollars and Sense," the lecture to be given by Mr. Wiggam at the opera house next Wednesday evening, is pronounced by high authority as the most chaste and beautiful piece of eloquence in the English language. The entire lecture is a running fire of wit, anecdote and eloquence and no one should miss this rare treat.

Petitions are being circulated and freely signed here requesting the secretary of state to submit the question of making Missouri a prohibition state at the next general election. If the prohibition sentiment continues to grow as it has for the past year there is no doubt about the adoption of state-wide prohibition in this state in 1910.

A pretty rural home wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham, southeast of Laclede in Chariton county last Thursday at high noon. The contracting parties were Miss Clara E. Graham and Chas. N. Jackson. Rev. L. C. Powell, pastor of the Laclede M. E. church, tied the nuptial knot in the presence of the immediate relatives of the bride and a few intimate friends. Immediately following the ceremony and a round of hearty congratulations an elegant wedding dinner was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were driven to Laclede where they took the afternoon train for a short visit at Kansas City. Mr. Jackson is well known in Laclede and is an energetic and industrious young man of good habits, and has won the heart and hand of a young lady who is said to be in every way worthy of his love and confidence. They will reside on the Baker farm in the vicinity where they were married. Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

## Some Evening Reveries.

Behind the counter, in the business office, in an argument, or on the battle field, the excitable man is a veritable nuisance. He is the fellow who goes off half-cocked, and when he opens his mouth always puts his foot in it. Wise people are very careful that they don't get associated with him in any kind of business. If he is a foreman anywhere he harasses every one under and does little good for those above him. He doesn't know how to handle horses or men, for he makes them both balky, and doesn't get out of them half that is in them. The excitable man is a failure for he jumps at conclusions and becomes enthusiastic over trifles. Those are to be pitied who serve under him, and the excitable who serves is also a nuisance to the boss. The excitable man is always using his gab, such as it is. He forgets what is often written, that the man who speaks too little is rare. The wise man's words are as goads, few and well ordered. Every reader can bear testimony to what we say. He can count several in his own circle who are faulty in this matter, perhaps himself. The cure for this weakness is honest thought. "Think twice before you speak once" has been commended and disobeyed in all the generations. All stuttering comes from wanting to say too much and saying it too quickly. The gun that goes off half cocked we throw away. It is dangerous. The same disposition should be made of the excitable man. Send him to the rear. Many a merchant has lost a good customer and much money by the excitable wagging of his tongue. Speaking unadvisedly with his lips is a common error, and as destructive to our peace and prosperity as it is common. The cool, calm fellow doesn't tell half he thinks of persons and things. It would never do; the fat would be in the fire. You have made hasty and ugly remarks about somebody. You have done more than that. You have made them your enemy forever. Swell your income by good words, for it is not a bad way. Magnify the good and let the evil pass.

Before repeating a bit of gossip it would be well to ask ourselves three questions: First, "Is it true?" second, "Is it kind?" third, "Is it necessary?" This practice would save us many bitter memories and regrets.

Looking back to the boys we have seen succeed, we now see that they are boys who were eager to learn and ready to mind. Don't puff your boy up with his own importance if you wish him to be anybody. Parents are often to blame for the failure and disgrace of their children.

Never condemn your neighbor unheard, however many the accusations which may be preferred against him. Every story has two ways of being told, and justice requires that you should hear the defense as well as the accusation. Remember that the malignity of enemies may place you in a similar predicament.

### Short-Horn Calves for Sale

Two thoroughbred Shorthorn bull calves—one red, one roan—for sale. Address route two, Laclede, or phone 122, Linneus.

29-4 F. W. KEUNE.

## SHORT PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Mrs. J. R. Hawes left yesterday to visit with her sister and family in Iowa.

Frank P. Baird is spending a week with relatives at his old home in Indiana.

Misses Ethel and Luella Shoup of Meadville visited the Misses Dye here the first of the week.

Mrs. W. W. Ausmus and daughter visited relatives near Linneus last week returning home Sunday.

Mrs. S. K. Wright of Norborne visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Stark on route three the past week.

Geo. Enfield, an old time citizen of Laclede, now living at Purdin, spent Sunday with friends in the city.

Mrs. Chas. Mitchell and daughter of Hale spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Daugherty and daughter in Laclede.

W. S. Hall and daughter, Mamie, of Hale spent the latter part of last week here visiting Mrs. Daugherty and daughter.

Mrs. J. H. Wilson and little son, if route three, left Tuesday to spend a couple of months with relatives in California.

Rev. Killion will preach Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening at the Christian church. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

The local W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. W. S. [Savage] next Tuesday promptly at 2 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

W. H. Stearns and wife of Slater are visiting relatives in this county, guests of their cousin, Geo. B. Peacher and family northeast of Laclede.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Henderson of Monroe City spent a couple of days the past week here, Mr. Henderson looking after his poultry business in Laclede.

An elegant line of new dishes in sets and odd pieces at Patrick's. See them at once and make your Christmas selections early before the stock is broken.

Mrs. L. L. Jacobs, who is here from St. Joseph, will be accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Reed who will spend the winter in St. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Balcom's many Laclede friends extend congratulations over the arrival of a fine boy baby at the Balcom home near Penasola, Kansas, last week.

All the latest novelties in china and glassware, and no handsomer line at any store than now on display at Patrick's. The holidays are fast approaching and you had better make your selections at once.

Next Saturday afternoon and evening, December 11, the ladies of the Baptist church will hold a bazaar at the Grand Army hall. There will be articles of fancy work for sale and oysters and cake and coffee will be served. Everybody is invited.

The members of the W. C. T. U. were royally entertained at the beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Fawcette on last Saturday evening. The spacious rooms were thrown open, all given a hearty welcome and it was indeed a most enjoyable occasion for those present. An elegant three course luncheon was served.